CLAIMS

Therefore, having thus described the invention, the following is claimed:

1. A method for providing media to a user via an interactive media services client device coupled to a programmable media services server device, said method comprising steps of:

receiving a first user input associated with a visual scene contained in a sequential visual media;

storing information related to said visual scene in memory;

receiving a second user input requesting said visual scene in said sequential visual media; and

providing the user with said visual scene in said sequential visual media.

2. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

after providing the user with said visual scene, providing the user with a portion of said sequential visual media that is subsequent to said visual scene in said sequential visual media.

3. The method of claim 2, wherein said visual scene and said portion of said sequential visual media are displayed on a television screen.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein the sequential visual media is a video-on-demand presentation.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein a user input is received from a remote control device.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein the user provides said second user input by selecting an option displayed on a display device.

7. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

receiving user input assigning a character sequence to said visual scene in said visual media;

storing data corresponding to said character sequence in memory; and

displaying said character sequence in association with said visual scene.

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8. A method for providing media to a user via an interactive media services client device coupled to a programmable media services server device, said method comprising steps of:

receiving a user input requesting that a visual scene contained in a video presentation be bookmarked;

storing information related to said visual scene in memory;

receiving a user input requesting that said visual scene be displayed; and

providing the user with said visual scene.

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9. The method of claim 8, wherein said user input is received while said user is viewing said scene in said contained in said video presentation.

10. The method of claim 9, wherein said user receives feedback confirming the insertion of a bookmark.

11. The method of claim 9, wherein said feedback comprises an icon displayed on a display device.

12. An interactive media services client device for presenting media to a user coupled to a programmable media services server device, said client device comprising:

    memory;

    data contained in said memory identifying a visual scene contained in a sequential visual media, wherein said data is stored in response to user input associated with said visual scene;

    a processor configured to provide signals containing said visual scene in response to user input requesting said visual scene, wherein said visual scene is displayed on a display device.

13. The client device of claim 12, wherein the processor is further configured to provide the user with a portion of said sequential visual media that is subsequent to said visual scene in said sequential visual media.

14. The client device of claim 12, wherein the sequential visual media is a video-on-demand presentation.

15. The client device of claim 12, wherein a user input is received from a remote control device.

16. The client device of claim 12, wherein the user provides said user input requesting said visual scene by selecting an option displayed on the display device.

17. The client device of claim 12, wherein the display device is a television.

18. The client device of claim 12, wherein the processor is further configured to provide a character sequence describing said visual scene.

19. The client device of claim 18, wherein said character sequence is determined by user input.

20. An interactive media services client device for presenting media to a user coupled to a
    programmable media services server device, said client device comprising:
    means for storing information identifying a visual scene contained in a
        sequential visual media, wherein said information is stored in response
        to user input associated with said visual scene;
    processing means configured to provide signals containing said visual scene in
        response to user input requesting said visual scene, wherein said visual
        scene is displayed on a display device.

21. The client device of claim 20, wherein the processing means is further configured to
    provide the user with a portion of said sequential visual media that is subsequent to
    said visual scene in said sequential visual media.

22. The client device of claim 20, wherein the sequential visual media is a video-on-
    demand presentation.

23. The client device of claim 20, wherein a user input is received from a remote control
    device.

24. The client device of claim 20, wherein the user provides said user input requesting
    said visual scene by selecting an option displayed on the display device.

25. The client device of claim 20, wherein the display device is a television.

26. The client device of claim 20, wherein the processing means is further configured to
    provide a character sequence describing said visual scene.

27. The client device of claim 26, wherein said character sequence is determined by user
    input.

28. A programmable media services server device for presenting media to a user via an interactive media services client device, said server device comprising:

memory;

data contained in said memory identifying a visual scene contained in a sequential visual media, wherein said data is stored in response to user input that is associated with said visual scene;

a processor configured to provide signals via said client device containing said visual scene in response to user input requesting said visual scene, wherein said visual scene is displayed on a display device.

29. The server device of claim 28, wherein the processor is further configured to provide the user with a portion of said sequential visual media that is subsequent to said visual scene in said sequential visual media.

30. The server device of claim 28, wherein the sequential visual media is a video-on-demand presentation.

31. The server device of claim 28, wherein a user input is received from a remote control device.

32. The server device of claim 28, wherein the user provides said user input requesting said visual scene by selecting an option displayed on the display device.

33. The server device of claim 28, wherein the display device is a television.

34. The server device of claim 28, wherein the processor is further configured to provide a character sequence describing said visual scene.

35. The server device of claim 34, wherein said character sequence is determined by user input.

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36.   A programmable media services server device for presenting media to a user via an interactive media services client device, said server device comprising:

        means for storing information identifying a visual scene contained in a sequential visual media, wherein said information is stored in response to user input associated with said visual scene;

        processing means configured to provide signals containing said visual scene in response to user input requesting said visual scene, wherein said visual scene is displayed on a display device.

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37.   The server device of claim 36, wherein the processing means is further configured to provide the user with a portion of said sequential visual media that is subsequent to said visual scene in said sequential visual media.

38.   The server device of claim 36, wherein the sequential visual media is a video-on-demand presentation.

39.   The server device of claim 36, wherein a user input is received from a remote control device.

40.   The server device of claim 36, wherein the user provides said user input requesting said visual scene by selecting an option displayed on the display device.

41.   The server device of claim 36, wherein the display device is a television.

1   42.   The server device of claim 36, wherein the processing means is further configured to

2   provide a character sequence describing said visual scene.

1   43.   The server device of claim 42, wherein said character sequence is determined by user

2   input.